

IT was a case of "wait and see" this week for otherwise untroubled Wycombe Wanderers over two members of their as yet unpenetrated defence.

Ian Rundle, resting a lingering ankle injury on Tuesday night, rated 50-50 to be considered for tomorrow's Isthmian League trip to Sutton — the Blues' biggest test so far.

Meanwhile, the full extent of Derek Gamblin's hamstringing problem was not known after his retirement early in the second half of the 2-0 win at Woking.

COMPETITIVE

The club report no other mishaps from their second competitive outing of the season.

Gerry Olsen, who needed on-field treatment following a collision late in his debut appearance for Wycombe, is set to line-up at Sutton if required. He filled Rundle's number four spot on Tuesday.

His total command in the air over the Woking forwards should increase his chances of retaining a place.

However it will be a tricky decision for manager Brian Lee to make if they are all available.

Wycombe and Sutton have picked up maximum points from their first two outings. Yet neither can claim to have overcome a strong opposition. Gander Green Lane therefore represents something of a true testing ground for both.

Scoring five goals without reply, Wanderers gather tremendous strength from the midfield trio of Barry Davies, Robb Williams and Larry Pritchard. And frontrunners Alan Gane, Keith Searle and Mick Holifield are all eagerly snooping out routes to goal.

Indeed Searle and Holifield, without a goal between them so far, must on present form be in for a change of luck shortly.

Losing a number of last season's side, Sutton have been forced to build almost from scratch.

They recognise that wins at Barking (2-1 on Saturday) and home to Bromley (2-0 on Tuesday) do not offer any true measure of how far that reconstruction has been successful.

Tomorrow's result should provide something of an answer. Sutton will be extra keen. Wycombe recorded League "doubles" in 1970-71 and 1971-72.

But the Surrey team may have to do without Ken Jolly, who suffered a thigh injury on Tuesday. Phil Wilson is likely replacement if Jolly fails to pass fit.

NEW MEN

Jolly, like Eddie Webb, joined from Athenian League Redhill this season. Ian Hamilton, formerly with Crawley, is another newcomer.

Among the close-season departures were Trevor Bladon, Ray Brooks and Ken Jelly, all of whom played at Loakes Park for Dulwich last Saturday. Ken Grose signed for Kingstonian and Chris Kelly is now with Leatherhead.

WYCOMBE: (from) Maskell; Birdseye, Olsen, Rundle, Delaney, Gamblin; Davies, Williams, Pritchard; Gane, Searle, Holifield. Sub. Hutchinson or Waughman.

SUTTON (from) Alan Thomas; Jim Strong, Johnny Mears, Don Butterfill, Mike Powell, Ian Hamilton, Eddie Webb, Bob Low, Jim Brown, Graham Dennis, Ken Jolly, Phil Wilson.